QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(100) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 100) asked:

Who had the contract to make Scherger a usable detention centre in the short term?

Answer.

In the short term, RAAF Base Scherger only needed a fence to make it usable as a detention facility. The Department of Defence procured fencing material and engaged its own fencing contractors to install a perimeter fence at Scherger.